

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
EXPRESS MAIL & PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 8 (MC2009-33)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2009-44

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF**  
(January 18, 2013)

In Order No. 1595, issued December 27, 2012, the Commission granted the Postal Service's request for a temporary extension of the contract in the instant docket, until January 27, 2013. The Postal Service has received a signed successor contract, signed by both parties, that it expects to file on Tuesday, January 22, 2013. The transmission of the signed contract between the parties was delayed over the past week, leaving the Postal Service unable to file the new agreement fifteen days prior to the January 27, 2013, expiration date. Nevertheless, the Postal Service now has a signed successor contract in place, and both parties wish to continue their existing contractual relationship.

The Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission grant an additional extension until February 15, 2013, which will provide the Commission with sufficient time to complete its review of the successor contract. Thus, the proposed extension would only last for a finite and relatively short period of time. An additional brief extension would avoid any interruption in the customer's access to negotiated rates as a result of the processes that it must participate in when it does business with the Postal Service, rather than with one of the Postal Service's competitors.

In conclusion, for the reasons discussed above, and in consideration of the customers' business continuity, the Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract to remain on the competitive products list until February 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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